

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Parruck et al.

Attorney Docket No.: SRSRP005

Application No.: 09/539,461

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: March 30, 2000

Group: Unassigned

Title: ROUTERS FOR SWITCHING ATM
CELLS IN A PACKET-LIKE MANNER
USING A PACKET SWITCH

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>21</u> -	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	X 9 = \$9.00	OR X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>3</u> -	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	X39 = \$	OR X78 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$130=\$0	\$260= \$0
TOTAL				\$ <u>9.00</u>	\$ _____



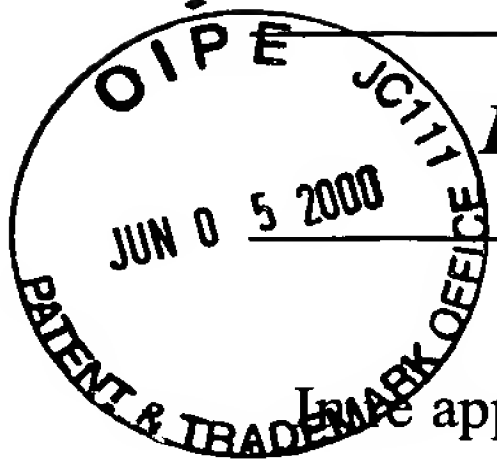
Any fees that may be due by reason of filing this Preliminary Amendment will be paid at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case, please amend the claims as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **ADD** new claims 4-21 as follows:

4. (New) A method for allowing both ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) cells and packets to be routed via a packet switch, comprising:
- receiving said packets at a first circuit;
 - receiving said ATM cells at a second circuit;
 - formatting said ATM cells to fit requirements of said packet switch, thereby creating ATM cell-containing packets; and
 - forwarding both said packets and said ATM cell-containing packets to said packet switch for routing.